

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1936 – SB 2588

March 6, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the District Attorney General of each judicial district to establish an Adult Protective Investigative Team (APIT) in order to coordinate the investigation of suspected instances and coordinate responses to suspected instances of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult.

The APIT will consist of representatives of the District Attorney General, local law enforcement agencies, the Department of Human Services' (DHS) Adult Protective Services, the Aging Commission of the Mid-South, nonprofit organizations that provide victim services or adult care services, providers of medical, legal, or housing services or facilities to adult victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and any other entity which the District Attorney General determines necessary.

Each APIT is required to meet quarterly, investigate all instances of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of an adult based on reports or concerns raised by potential victim, third parties or by members of the APIT's represented agencies, organizations or entities, and to adhere to standards, definitions, investigative methods, procedures, and remedial courses of action. Requires, by March 15 of each year, each District Attorney General to file a report with the DHS that summarizes the work of the APIT for the previous calendar year. Provides protection from any civil or criminal liability of any person participating in good faith in any action or omission authorized or required of the APIT.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$6,500

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the District Attorneys General Conference, the total recurring increase in state expenditures for travel and operational expenses is estimated to be \$6,500 (\$6,200 travel + \$100 printing + \$200 supplies) annually.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Human Services, any fiscal impact on the delivery of program services will be not significant.
- Based on information provided by the Commission on Aging and Disability, any costs associated with participating in the APIT can be accommodated within existing resources.

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- Other entities participating in the APIT will be responsible for the costs they incur while participating in the quarterly meetings.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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